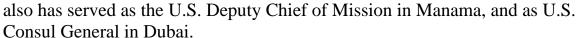
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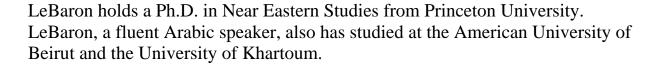
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The Embassy of the United States of America in Doha is pleased to announce that President George W. Bush has nominated Joseph Evan LeBaron as the new U.S. Ambassador to the State of Qatar.

A career diplomat, LeBaron began his diplomatic career in Doha in 1980. From 2003 to 2006, he was the U.S. Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Mauritania. He





Ambassador-designate LeBaron must now be confirmed by the U.S. Senate before taking his new post in Doha.

